E & P.H **(1958) Department.**

Ms **SERIES.**

G.O. No. 3950 P.H

Dated 23.11.58

[Despatch Abstract.]

Contracts – Govt Medical Institutions – Supply of diet articles – change in the existing procedure – Orders passed.

Education and Public Health G2.

Copy of letter Ref.No.4515 M2/48 dated 23-8-48 from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, to the Joint Secretary to Government.

As desired in paragraph 2 of the Government memorandum dated 26-7-48, a conference of the Superintendents of the City State Hospitals and the Resident Medical Officers was held in my office on the 20th August 1948 and the following subjects were considered.

(1) Purchase of provisions.

(2) Cooking and distribution of food.

(3) Admission of patients into the Hospitals.

(4) Effecting better supervision and control over the Hospital staff.

(1) PURCHASE OF PROVISIONS:

Articles of diet required by the hospitals are at present being obtained from contractors through tender and auction systems. Other conditions being equal, the lowest tender or bid is accepted as per article 127 of the Madras Financial Code Volume I. Some of the Superintendents are not for accepting the lowest tender as a general rule, the reason adduced being that the lowest tenderer always tries to palm off articles of inferior quality. But, considering that the system of accepting the articles on tender system has been advantageous to Government and is working satisfactorily, and in the absence of any other better suggestion, I consider that the existing system may continue.

2. As ~~cent~~ regards obtaining articles by means of auction, a majority of the superintendents are for discontinuing the auction system and resorting to tender system or procuring the articles through reputed firms preferably the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Societies. I am in entire agreement with them as past experience has shown that contractors bidding at the auction form themselves into a ring and always try to quote high rates over and above the market rates. This has been noticed in the past two years and it was at the worst in the auction for the current year 1948-49. Government were appraised of this and they agreed that such articles may be obtained through tender system vide G.O.No.1977, Public Health, dated 27-3-48. This procedure has definitely been advantageous to Government and the saving effected to Government is nearly Rs.1,48,400-vide statement enclosed. I therefore recommend that the system of procuring important diet articles through auction, introduced in G.O.No.3893, Public Health, dated 26-8-40, may be ordered to be replaced by the tender system.

3. I am also for accepting the suggestion made by several superintendents to procure storable diet articles from reputed firms like the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Societies. This may be tried as an experimental measure in the year 1949-50.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Contracts - Government Medical Institutions - Supply of Diet articles - Change in the existing procedure - Orders passed.

Education and Public Health Department.

G.O.Ms.No.3950. P.H. Dated 23rd November 1948.
3 Read the following:-

G.O.No.3893, Public Health, dated 26-8-40.
2. Letter from the Surgeon-General No.4515-M2/48, dated 23-8-48.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances stated by the Surgeon-General, the Government direct that the auction system of obtaining certain diet articles to City State hospitals introduced in G.O.No.3893, Public Health, dated 26-8-40 may be suspended during 1949-50 and that all diet articles required for the Government Medical Institutions may be obtained by tender system. The Surgeon-General is requested to submitted in due course a report as to whether the tenders received for 1949-50 are satisfactory.

2. The Surgeon-General is in this connection informed that the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Societies also should be required to submit its tender along with other contractors for the supply of the diet articles.

/By order of His Excellency the Governor/

(P.T.O.)

To the Surgeon-General.
" the Accountant-General, through Finance Department.

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(4) Purchase of provisions.

Articles of diet required by the hospitals are at present being obtained from contractors through tender and auction systems. As regards tender systems the Surgeon General states that the system is working satisfactorily and it may therefore continue. As regards auction system, the Surgeon General recommends that it may be replaced by tender system for the reasons given at 'M' on 51 c.f. The Surgeon-General has also suggested that storable diet articles may be obtained from reputed firms like the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Societies and has recommended that this may be tried as an experimental measure in the year 1940-50.

On the recommendation made by the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee, the Government are examining separately the question of appointing an Ad hoc Committee to examine the present system of supplies to all Government Medical Institutions of articles of diet, drugs, hospital equipment etc., and to suggest such alterations as may be necessary to ensure economy and to prevent leakage. In view of this, it does not seem possible to issue orders on the proposals of the Surgeon-General. He may be informed that the decision of the Special Ad Hoc Committee in the matter may be awaited.

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Please see the Surgeon-General's proposals at page 51c.f. The Government may agree with the Surgeon-General that the tender system may be adopted for the next year (auction system will be suspended). A report on to whether the tenders received are satisfactory may be called for. Finance may see on this point. The file will be sent to Finance on other points in due course.

T.G.M. Finance.

Finance (Exp A)
Re statement on page 53 c.f

Please see para I on p.51 c.f. and the note of Education and Public Health in item (4) on pages 9-10 above.

In the circumstances stated Finance may agree with the views of Education and Public Health at 'A' on p.10. above.

Education and Public Health (G2)

Finance have agreed to the proposal at 'A' on p.10. ante. A draft order is put up for approval. (The file has to go to Finance regarding 'B' on the previous page)

T.G.M. D.S.
23-11-48.

(Issued as G.O.No.3950, Public Health, dated 23-11-48).

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